# CHARGES HUGE GERMAN AMERICAN PLOT THAT FAILED

### Frederic William Wile, in Recent Book, Tells of Propaganda to Upset Policy of Neutrality

apture the sympathy and American Plot" (C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd.), by Frederic William Wile. Last winter Mr. Wile spent some months in true country investigating the German American situation here, and he sums up the results of his search thus: "No propaganda crusade in history organized with such thoroughness, or carried on with such

"Stated in broad outline," he goes on, "the German American campaign in America was concentrated on an attempt to force the United States Government to abandon its attitude of uncompromising neutrality, not directly in favor of Germany, but by action designed directly to embarrase the Allies. The campaign set itself three cardinal purposes:

effrontery.'

"(1) To bring about an embargo on the exportation of munitions of war. "(2) To embroil the United States with England on any possible pre-text—contraband, ship seizures, flag 'violations,' or any other issue which arises naturally or can be artificially manufactured.

"(3) To inflame Far Western antipathles to Japan and the Japanese, with a view to a Japanese-American war.

"All the efforts of the vast German propaganda machine were bent in the directions indicated. The efforts, of course, were subtle-as subtle as anything connected with German diplomacy can be. Early failure-failure either to influence public opinion dedsively or blackmail the Government-only incited the Germans to redouble their efforts.

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of their birth. Ambassador von Holleben perceived an opportunity to alter status of his hybrid compatriots both as a factor in the United States and as a political asset for Germany. He ascertained that the 'German vote,' organized and labelled, could be made

The German Embassy at Washing- tions that are about to be made in

HAT the author terms "the amazing ramifications of the lighted," said Von Holleben. Did the president of the Indianapolis Sængerbund want to give a concert at Potsout of the United States" forms thesis of the book "The Germanrecognition to follow? 'Jawohl! Can arranged without any trouble, wired the German Ambassador. 'Ger-man Americansm' had at last come into its hyphenated own.

"Presently Von Holleben turned his attention to the centralization of all branches of organized German life in the United States. Town and city branches of this, that or the other verein, clubs, veteran unions, church societies, rifle associations must be turned into State organizations and State organizations again into national leagues. On April 16, 1899, the German-American Central Alliance of Pennsylvania' was founded 'to give impulse to the idea of the consolidation of the German-American element.'

"Since then the alliance's progress has steadily continued. To-day its membership is over 2,000,000, including German born citizens of the United States and their American born descendants. It is by far the most powerful, numerically, of all German-American national organizations-the various organizations of the thousand and one village, town, city, county and State organizations which are sleeplessly promoting Deutschtum under the guise of American citizenship and patriotism in their respective individual communities.

"They represent, according to a German-American boast which errs on the side of exaggeration, a round onethird of the voting strength of the United States in a Presidential elec-Dr. von Holleben, now gathered to his fathers, might well be proud of his pioneer labors in the closing hours

oast their shadows long before. The Germans, therefore, determined ruth- lin, well and truly planted for Gerlessly to exploit the quadrennial op-portunity of the national political sitteen years of centralized activity be "The 'German vote' is the best or- hind them. Dr. Munsterberg and ganized 'foreign vote' in the country. It had always been considered the only one which can be delivered en bloc to party managers, thanks to its compact organization. The market value of the German vote will be her-aided from the housetops in stento-

"The Kaiser's 'exchange professor-ship,' initiated ten years previous between their power? What is the secret of their power? These and kindred questions have been asked in England times innumerable since the war began.

"(1) 'German Americans,' for the same the shape of 'exchange' chairs at as many other German and American universities. Mr. James Speyer's 'Roosevelt Professorship,' exchanging an American scholar annually for a "(1) 'German Americans,' for the purposes of the war, are United States editizens born either in Germany, Auschitzens born either in Germany, Auschitzens at least

"(2) According to the last census fifteen American university leaders of "There were at this time at leas (1910) there were 4,171,705 'German the stamp of President Hadley of Yale, Americans'—2,501,181 Germans, 1,174,- Dr. Peabody of Harvard, Dean Burgess 924 Austrians and 495,600 Hungarians. of Columbia (who delighted the Kaiser The pro-German claim of '20,000,000 by publicly attacking the Monroe Doctorine in Berlin), Professor Paul Shorey of Chicago, Dr. Coolidge of Harvard, Professor Alphonso Smith of Virginia. Germans, Austrians and Hungarians. President Wheeler of California and Germans, Austrians and that one-fifth Drs. Scane and Adler of Columbia,

"But, as the German contingent is an organized political force and has been augmented during the war by been augmented during the war by been augmented during the war by been augmented force and has been augmented during the war by been augmented force and has been augmented during the war by been augmented force and has been augmented force and has been augmented during the war by been augmented force and has been aug



the augmented during the war by thousands of irreconcilable Russians and Irish, it wields far greater influence than mere numerical superiority.

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### Bernstorff and Dernburg, He Says, Overplayed Their Parts and Entire Scheme Acted as a Boomerang

law officers to deport Richard Bar-tholdt and his brother German Ameri-cans on the ground that they had ob-observers. ained naturalization under false pre- "These waiter spice had a habit of

with men of affairs of all sorts—
statesmen, bankers, editors, merchants, manufacturers, university
presidents and lawyers—left on my
mind the indelible impression that the
formed that if her next party was German propaganda has had but one marked by such violently 'anti-Gertangible, definite result. It has, in man' conversation at table they would dence, outraged the feelings of fivesixths of the people of the country who are not of German extraction of pro-German' for reasons of self-in-For six months following the out-

break of the war, roughly up to February 1, the Germans waged 'a whirlwind campaign' throughout the country at an expense believed to have reason. It came out that the Germans, been not less than £200,000 a month. who are a very influential element of But the colossal effort to stampede the retail purchasing power of St. American opinion, launched like a thunderbolt with a view of sharp and decisive results, just as the German General Staff planned to storm Paris in six breathless weeks, failed. Their viously a foe to 'personal liberty,' Gerhard working henchmen, from Dr. hard working henchmen, from Dr. Dernburg all the way to Prof. Kuno Meyer, ex-professor of Celtic litera- drinking. The boycott proved so ture at Liverpool, talked, wrote, mis- deadly that the sinning firm was quoted, slandered and cajoled in vain. eventually forced to the wall. It was

eventually forced to the wall. It was a victim of the 'system.'

"In the beginning Americans listened with interest and with the patience born of their inherent love of fair play. But Americans are people of canny perception as well as of rugged fair mindedness. It was not rugged fair mindedness. It was not lation of foreign high or regressing.

"There was danger, three months and city in the United States, ago, in the new German campaign—the campaign of domestic political with the solitary exception of Milterrorization in the United States, But waukee, which has only 375,000 inevents have marched fast since then; habitants, are the Germans in such the Lusitania worked wonders in overwhelming evidence as in the America, as it happily did in England throbbing polyglot Western metropitself, in the direction of aggravating olis. Chicago has three German daily public temper and stiffening the Gov-ernment's back.

"To seek the Kaiser's 'system' in "The Germans watch the Chicago

Sates is or considers itself German both and millions of the Present of States is or considers itself German both and millions of Americans, whose parents or grandparents were being the process of the proposed of the process of the

tences, for, though they own alle-glance to the United States, they are hostess and chief guests, and a distinpractising allegiance to the German guished New Yorker vows that there have been few important dinners dur-"Thus spoke a distinguished Amer- ing the war at which German waiters, can politician, who may be the next attentive in other than the usual sense, President of the United States, when have not passed the soup for the Fathsought his opinion of the methods erland. That is the 'system' in opera. dopted by Germany to blackmail the tion. Undoubtedly it is the primary American people into sympathizing task of German waiters in the United with 'Kultur's' cause. Six weeks in States just now to listen, but some of the United States, in constant contact | them are not above a bit of terroriza-

consequence of its vehement impuin the middle; they would, indeed, not come to the house again unless guaranteed in advance immunity from such affronts to their patriotic sensibilities.

"St. Louis, Mo., is a great German community. A year or two ago a hitherto prosperous dry goods establish-ment, one of the oldest and largest in the city, failed for some mysterious

long before it dawned upon them that lation of foreign birth or parentage Germany's case was not argument. was 1,93,918 out of a total population but defence, whine and explanation of 2,185,283. The German element in this vast alien leavening numbered advocated suggested first of all a bad 501,832 inhabitants, or 29.6 per cent. conscience, and when to mere noise of the aggregate; the Austrians to-and volume were added insolence and talled 227,958 (13.5 per cent.), and the effrontery, when Dernburgism, in Hungarians 37,990 (2.2 per cent.), other words, took America by the hand making altogether 767,780 Germans like a child and sought to stuff the and Austro-Hungarians, or 45.3 of German case down her throat, America | the total foreign element in the second largest and altogether most cosmopoli-

America one has to go octopus hunt- papers like hawks. Let me cite a case in point. If one of them has the "Somebody once said that the three temerity to give space to one or two mightiest examples of organization the pro-Ally communications in the col-world had yet seen were the Church umn of 'Letters to the Editor,' the of Reme, the Standard Oil Company latter is forthwith deluged with proand the German army. I venture to German letters-at the ration of about add a fourth-the men, women and seventy-five to one, I am told-most of children of German birth and millions their couched in terms more abusive of others of German blood in the and dictatorial than pleading.

manufacturer if I gave name, chapter JUST 140 years ago to-morrow the laboratory of the postal service.

American postal system, which now stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific over a close meshed net of fast mail routes, had its birth as a limping service and natter of accommodation. The preside part of a commodation of mails birth as a limping service along a narrow strip of the Eastern sea.

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shubbed, they began to be 'cultivated.'

"Did the Veteranen-Bund of Sioux City, Iowa, want a set of royal battle standards from the Kaiser? Nothing standards from the Kaiser? Nothing want a Kaiser prize for the common at the country want a stead annuto Atlantic for the Stores with a stead annuto Atlantic for the Common within its borders and he had with well appointed stricts in the States in the Stores in the Stor

## whole the countless singing societies, bowling clubs, rife associations, vetarunions, editorial associations, editorial associations, editorial associations, e

The Ambassador knew the breed. He knew that their absorbing passion is craze for titles and decorations. He knew that half the life and energy of the average Teuton is spent in scheming for an imperial smile in the shape of a new handle for a name or a ribon and a medal for a lapel. He have the senumental loyalty of the specific same and methods are the senumental loyalty of the lasts between facilities and methods cards that channels. All overlaptions of the millions of Americans who will make use of the postal service to-morrow will know of the historic aspect of the day. But to those familiar with postal history the date recalls each year the striking continuous continuous continuous continuous continuous continuous cards that channels. sentimental loyalty of the trasts between facilities and methods German to the Vaterland of the early days and those of the exploited by the most insig-token from the War Lord.

This year the anniversary will bring a more emphatic reminder of the differences than ever before because of the far reaching innova- importance.

Benjamin Franklin's Little Corps of Nine Baron von Holleben.

Thirty Post Offices Then, and gives the matter no further configurated with personal sideration. He has come unconfined expression originated during five Americans had been a negligible political quantity in the land of their adoption, as well as need and of their adoption, as well as need and of their adoption, as well as need and of their adoption, as well as of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical political quantity in the land of their adoption, as well as of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their adoption, as well as of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their adoption, as well as of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the land of their birth. Ambassador von Hollestical quantity in the postal service seems almost content of the configuration. He has come unconsiderate the configuration of the runtile and collection by motorcycles, auto-mobiles and preparations in progress for beginning next week the motorization of the runtile and collection by motorcycles, auto-mobiles and preparations in progress for beginning for the despatch of mail, too, has come the thousands of tons carried to-day, and verse with rekard to the configuration. He has come unconsciously to harbor the content of the thousands of tons carried to-day. Thirty Post Offices Then, and collection by motorcycles, auto-motor to-day to the average piece seldom runs over a sideration. He has come unconsciously to harbor the content of the thousands of tons carried to-day. Thirty Post Offices Then, and collection by motorcycles, auto-motor to-day. Thirty Post Offices Then, and collection by motorcycles, auto-motor to-day. Thirty Post Offices Then, and collect

so valuable a feature of American pol-ities that neither of the two great its birth as a limping service along ent elaborate classification of mails parties could afford to ignore it. If an anarrow strip of the Eastern season and service along a narrow strip of the Eastern season and service along a narrow strip of the Eastern season and service along a narrow strip of the Eastern season and service along a narrow strip of the Eastern season and service along a narrow strip of the Eastern season and season

they were considered extraordinarily people in the park for their subsistspeedy and were dubbed "flying machines" by the writers of the day.

Postage charges for greater distances
than 100 miles often amounted to several shillings and the despatch of a the slightest fear. Both children and letter was considered a matter of some adults feed them

fingers of the hand in which he held the food and ate out of it. Once a dove that had perched on his shoulder stepped from there with calm deliberation, step by step, down his up-

300.000 Employees wagon will disappear from the service of the Washington city post office—

dove that had perched on his shoulder used rates ranged from 6 cents for 30 Post Office Department as a field for stepped from there with calm demiles to 25 cents for over 400 miles. working out improvements, the early Germany's diminishing war chest, just

perhaps a hundred feet square.

It is a busy spot, with all of a busy vice twine was seldom used in any post riders.

sumed. In the early days of the serthan the entire mail carried by early "An ordinary day in Milwaukee suffices to show how the "System" works

be sided to feel the lash which could be spinded by naturalized German cititens at the polls.

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